Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Joseph Hieb was appointed to the Murdo-based West Central Electric Board of Directors in 1965 and has served on the cooperative's board for the past 42 years; and,

Whereas, Joe has demonstrated the highest level of leadership and guidance by acting as board president for 25 years and by being inducted into the South Dakota Cooperative Hall of Fame in 2000; and,

Whereas, Joe has led West Central Electric Cooperative in making decisions that have enabled them to prosper and develop into one of the finest cooperatives anywhere; and,

Whereas, Joe's commitment to his neighbors and friends extends beyond his work as a director for the electric cooperative. He was also an original incorporator of the Lyman-Jones Rural Water System in 1967; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that we recognize the major role Joe played during his tenure on the West Central Electric Board of Directors; and,

Whereas, The members of the board are fully cognizant and appreciative of his efforts and sacrifices, and wish to recognize and applaud Joe as he retires at the 2007 Cooperative Annual Meeting:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 3, 2007, as

JOE HIEB DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State